fresh recruitment action be initiated on the basis of new rosters: The Board also decided that the nominations already received from the Employment Exchange would also be considered alongwith fresh nominations that might be received on the basis of fresh action.

(d) Fresh recruitment action on the basis of fresh Reservation Rosters has already been taken by the Delhi Public Library. The vacancies in the grade of Junior Library Attendent (Group 'D') have been reviewed and a revised requisition in the prescribed format has been sent to the Employment Exchange on 24h November, 1993. As soon as the nominations are received from the Employment Exchange the selection process will be initiated and finalised at the earliest.

Admission of adopted children in Public Schools

1126. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain public schools in the country, by virtue of their rules do not admit an adopted child, in their schools; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to remove this practice?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No report has been received by the Central Government regarding denial of admission in public schools to adopted children.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of Dravidian University in Andhra Pradesh

1127. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps taken to set up a Dravidian University in Andhra Pradesh for research and higher learning in Dravidian languages;

(b) what assistance is being provided by Government to this project; and

(c) the state Government which have joined to promote this University?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The Government has received a proposal from Prof. R. C. Rao regarding setting up of an Indian Institute of Drovidian Studies at Kuppam in Andhra Pradesh. The Government of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Karnataka have agreed, in principle, to the establishment of the proposed Institute. The details of the project are being worked out in consultation with all concerned.

Cancellation of cricket match between India and Pakistan in London

1128. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cricket Match between India and Pakistan was cancelled due to attack by Pakistan's fans at London; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) and (b) A friendly cricket match played for charity between "Gavaskar Eleven" and "Imran Khan Eleven" at Crystal Palace on August 30, 1993 was disrupted due to incidents of hooliganism which involved burning of the Indian Flag. It is clarified that the match was not an official one between India and Pakistan. Even before the incidents, the Indian High Commission in London had sent letters to the Foreign and Common-

wealth Office and the Scotland Yard alerting the British Government to the fact that some pro-Kashimri militant groups in U. K. were planning to disrupt the match. After the incidents of hooliganism had occurred, our High Commission in London sent a letter to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and contacted the local police the very same day i.e. on August 30, 1993 requesting legal action to be taken against the culprits. Following this, the police registered a criminal case in the matter and arrested three persons. The matter was also taken up by the Ministry of External Affairs with the British High Commissioner in New Delhi who wholly shared our regret at the incident and assured that he would report the matter to the British Government in London.

Convention on Rights of Children

1129. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are enforcing and promoting various programmes for convention on Rights of Children and if so, the steps taken in this direction and results obtained and achieved; and

(b) whether nutrition of the children is receiving full attention and if so, the details of any Action Plan made, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI): (a) and (b) The Government of India has ratified the UN Convntion on the Rights of the Child. Appropriate legislative and administrative measures are being taken for implementing the Convention by the concerned Ministries/ Departments.

A National Plan of Action on Children has been adopted under which goals have been fixed for the decade 1990-2000. The Plan seeks to cover the programmes in the areas of Child and Maternal Health, Nutrition, Water and Sanitation, Education, Children in difficult circumstances and adolescent girls. All sectors have reviewed their programmes for strengthening keeping in view the goal; set in National Plan of Action on Children.

A number of child care programmes for imporving the nuritional status of child are being implemented. Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Programme is a major intervention for providing a package of services including supplementary nutrition to 1.63 crores children under 6 years of age. Nutrition supplementation is also being provided to children under the scheme of creches (3 lakhs children) and Balwadi Nutrition (2.29 lakhs children). A new initiative to improve nutritional stutus of adolescent girls has been statred, on a selected basis, in 507 ICDS Projects. Again, through nutrition education programmes the mothers also being educated and empowered to look after the nutritional needs of their children better.

The Department has identified 180 focal districts in country based on criteria of poverty, concentration of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and high crude birth rate. While expanding Child Care Programmes, preference is given to these focal districts. A State-wise list of the focal districts is given in the annexure. (*See* Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No. 28)

भारतीय खेल प्राधिकरण द्वारा हिमाचल प्रदेश में खेलकूद को प्रोत्साहन दिया जाना

1130. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह** : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारतीय खेल प्राधिकरण ने खेलकूद को प्रोत्साहन देने हेतु हिमाचल प्रदेश में कतिपय विद्यालयों का चयन किया है और ऐसे विद्यालयों की कुल संख्या कितनी है ;